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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 6 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 7 and 8 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 7 and 8.
- ☒ 5. Non-English language reference JP B2 56-36706 corresponds to English language reference 3,853,715.

- ☒ 6. Non-English language reference JP A 8-69111 corresponds to English language reference 5,773,200.
- ☒ 7. Non-English language reference JP A 9-96909 corresponds to English language reference 5,721,078.

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	6.	JP B2 56-36706	8/26/1981	JAPAN			
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